

Custom-House, Baltimore, Md.,

Collector's Office, March 23, 1892

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The Engineer at U.S. Public Store here has been using our oil for some time past, and is desirous of continuing it; I wish to learn somewhere near about the quantity of oil used in the different departments under the Treas. Dept. in order if there is anything in it, to endeavor to have our oil used. We think ours a wonderful oil.

Please let me hear from you at an early date.

Should you have forgotten me by name, I refer you to Comrade Beath.

Very truly yrs. in F.C.T.L.
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